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How do you **fade in and out into** or out of your animation ? (TVPAINT 10.5)

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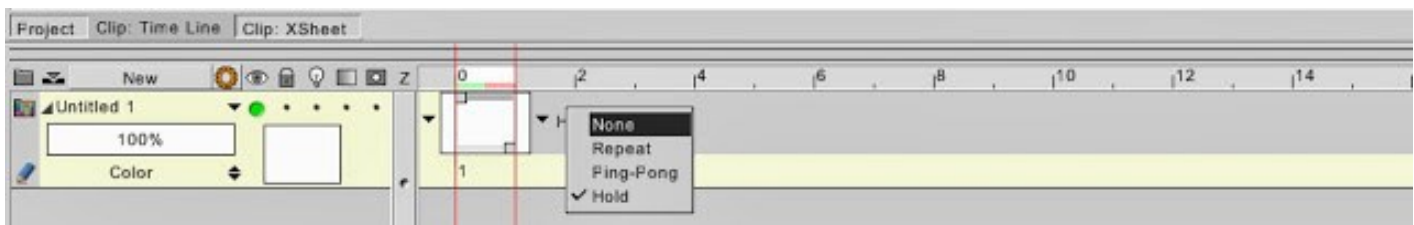
There are a few different ways to do it in TVPaint. Below is the easiest way to do a simple fade-in or fade-out effect .

FADE IN -

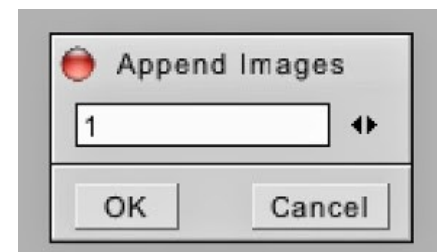
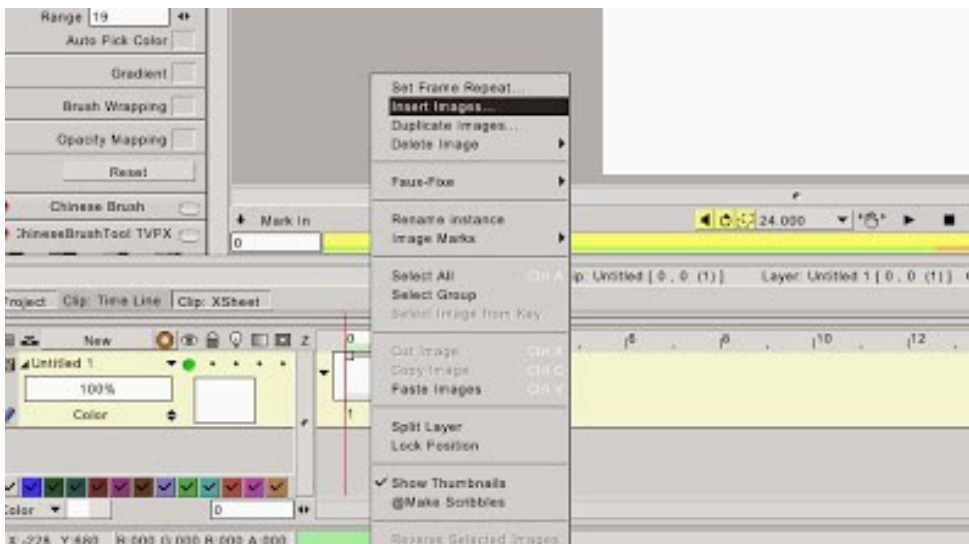
1.) make a new layer in TVPaint (over top of your animation layer) .

In the new layer you will need to have two blank frames to start.

(by default there will be one blank frame in the new layer ... if it says "Hold" after the first blank frame click on "Hold" and change it to "None".)



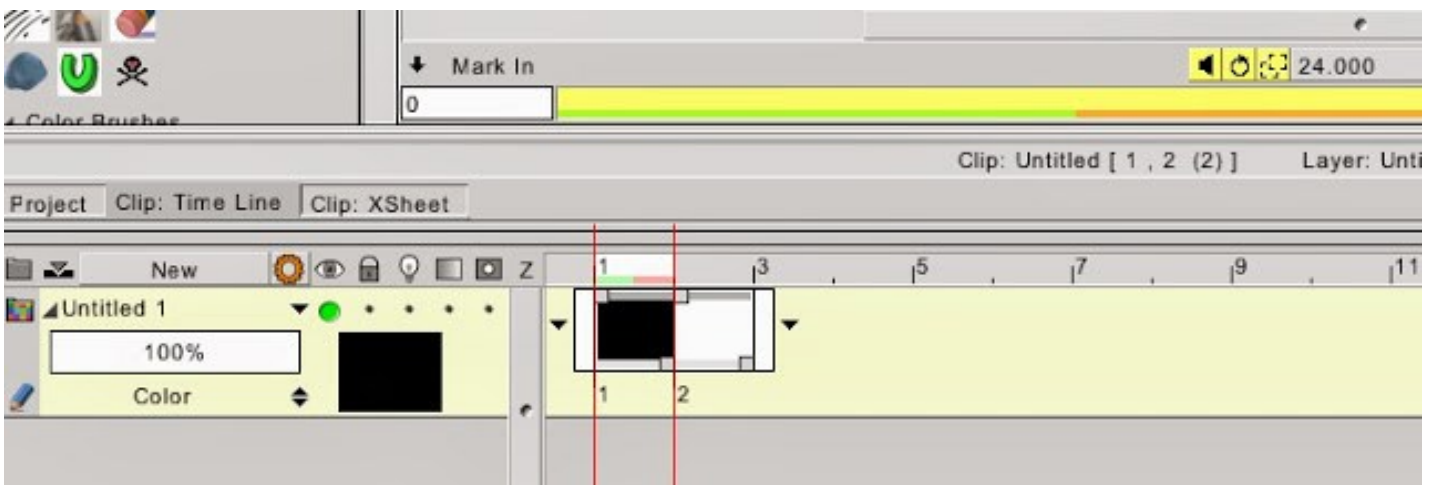
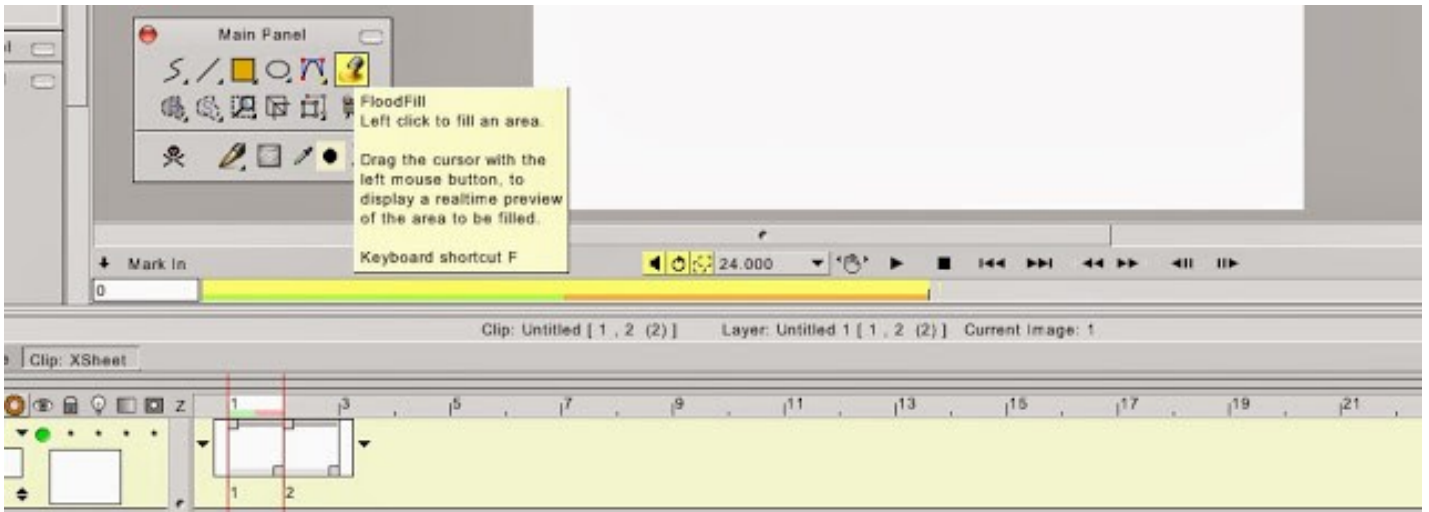
Now right-click on the first blank frame and from the pop up menu select Insert Images , and in the box for Append Images type **1** to add one additional blank frame the the new layer.)



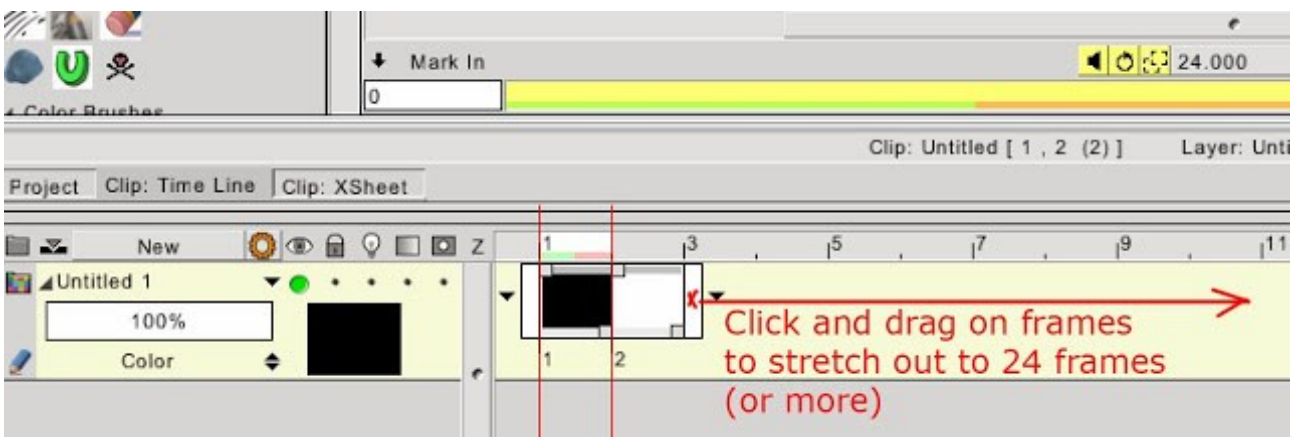
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2.) Now you have a layer with two blank frames.

On the first frame use the Flood Fill Tool (Paintbucket) from the Main Tool Panel to click on the main project window area (above timeline) to fill the first frame with solid black. (in the Palette Panel > Color Picker set the color to solid black)



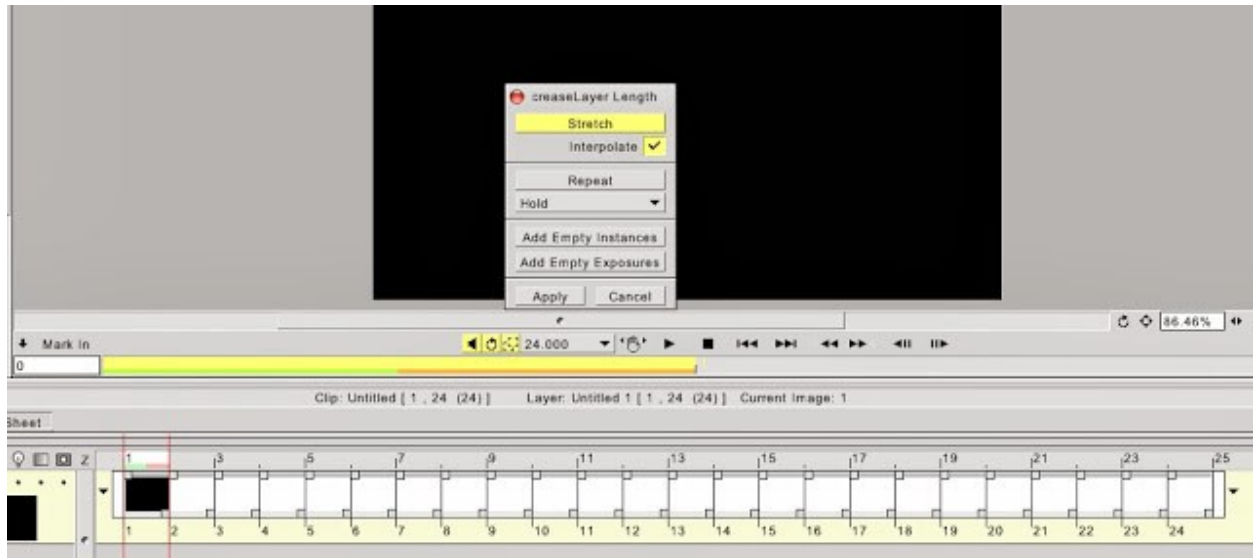
3.) Now you have one solid black frame and the next frame is *blank* (clear). Click and drag on the white strip at the right side of the second frame , dragging it out 24 frames . (for a shorter fade drag it out 12 frames, for a longer fade drag it out 32 frames or 48 frames, but for now just use 24 frames) .



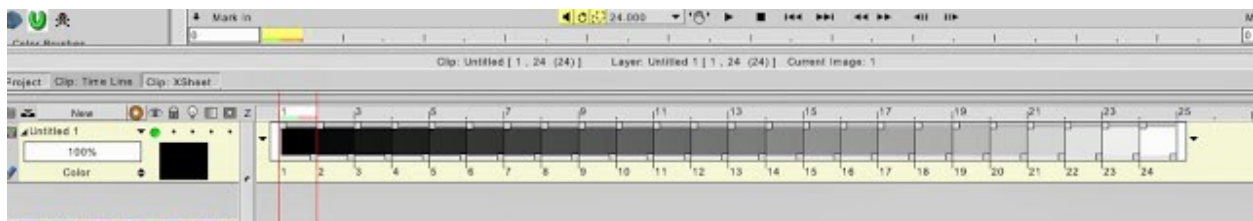
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From the pop-up which appears you should select Stretch - Interpolate (put a check mark in the box next to "Interpolate" .

Click APPLY.



4.) Now you will have a 24 frame fade-in, going from solid black to clear. When this fade layer is superimposed over top of your animation layer it will appear as a fade-in .

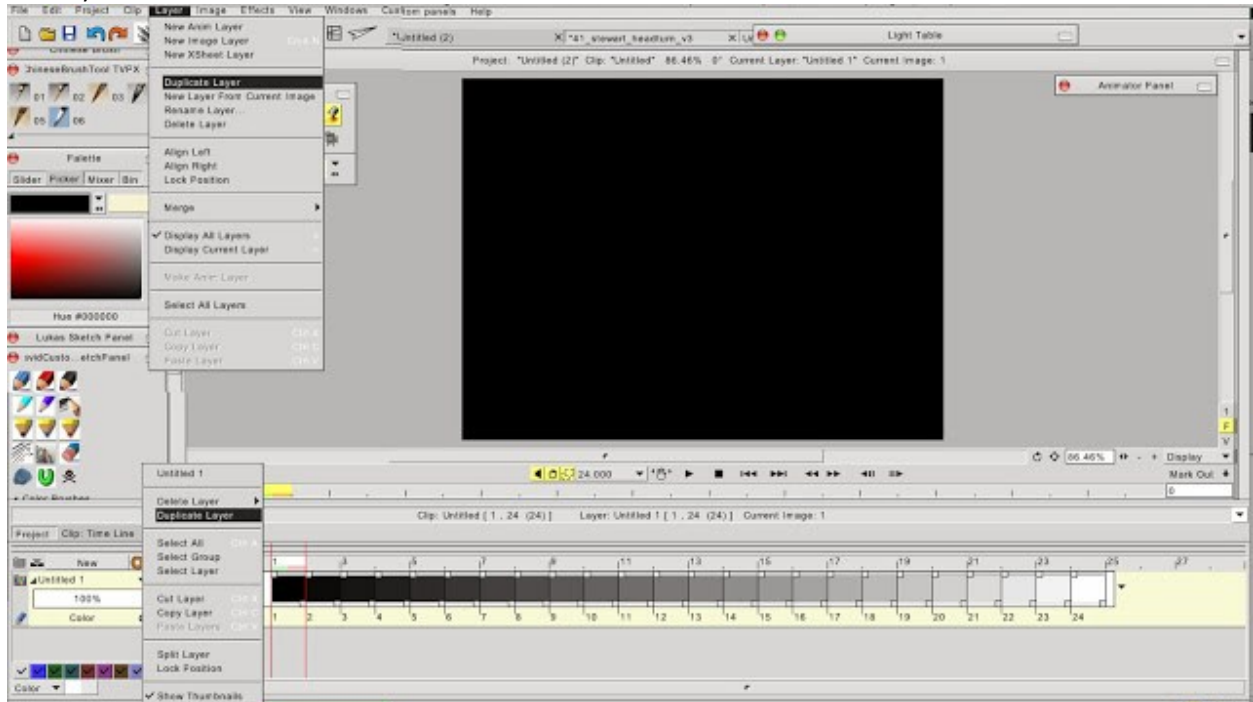


FADE OUT -

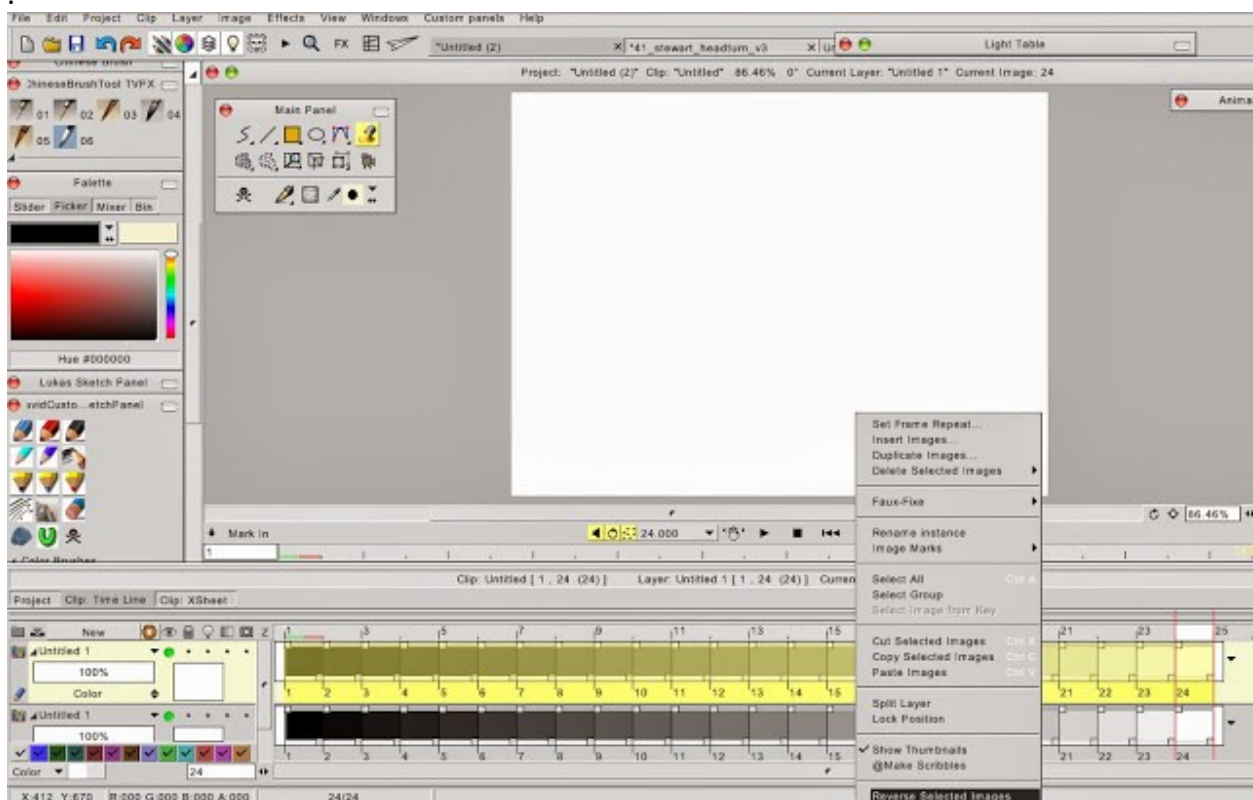
5.) to create a fade out , simply reverse the procedure . Make a new layer. Make the first frame *blank* (clear) and the second frame solid black. Click and drag the second frame out 24 frames , and select Stretch - Interpolate , Apply. This makes a Fade-out to black.

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6.) OR you can simply Duplicate the first layer (the Fade-In layer you made in steps 1 - 4) by selecting the first layer , then go to Layer menu and select "Duplicate Selected Layer" . (or click on the little black triangle on the Layer panel at the left and choose Duplicate Layer from the menu)

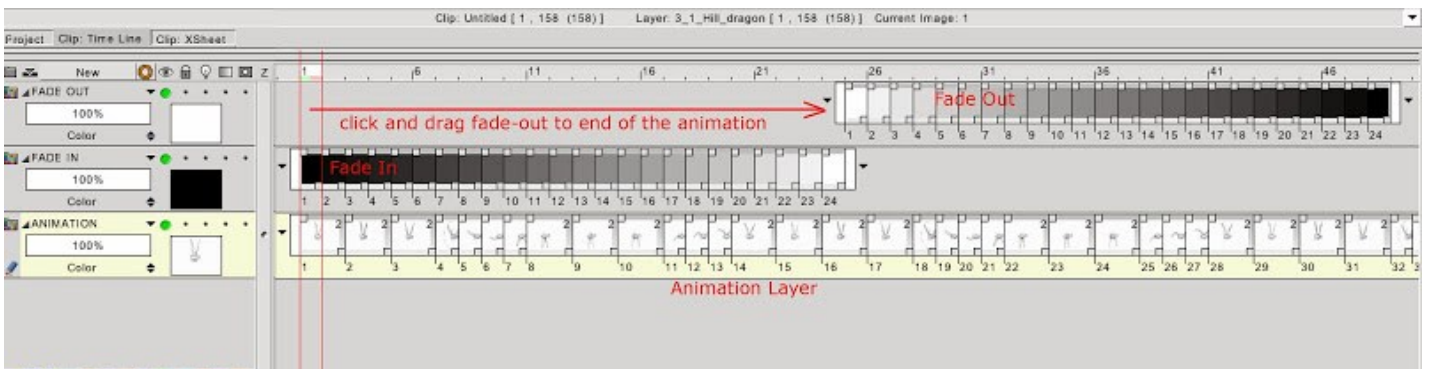
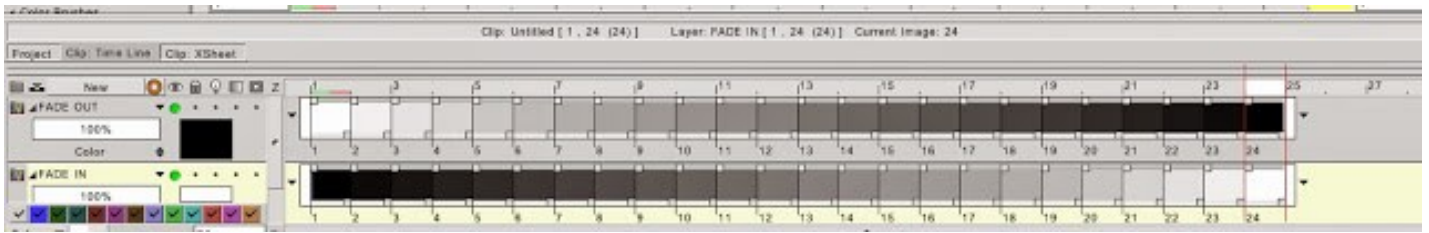


7.) Now select all frames on the duplicated Fade-In layer and then right-click on the duplicated Fade-In layer and from the menu select "Reverse Selected Images" . This will reverse the frames on the duplicated Fade-In layer, turning it into a Fade-out



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Click and Drag the Fade-Out layer to position it over the end of your animation layer.



The other way to do a fade effect is from the FX Stack > Transition > Fade .

See the TVPaint User Manual , Lesson 10 "Working with the FX Stack" .

<http://static.tvpaint.com/downloads/manual/tvpa10/lessons-en/lesson10.pdf>

The FX stack > Transition > Fade gives you more options in controlling the fade-in/fade-out , but for a simple fade you can just use the method I showed you above , with 1 black frame and 1 blank frame , stretched out and interpolated to create the fade effect.

See at discussion on Fade effect on the TVPaint User Forum:

<http://forum.tvpaint.com/viewtopic.php?f=3&t=7024>

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